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SUBJECT: ACCESS TO FIJI FOR COOKED POULTRY MEAT

1. FIJI DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE ROBIN YARROW HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PROPOSED WORDING FOR APHIS EXPORT CERTIFICATE FORM MP-506 FOR POULTRY EXPORTS MEETS MOST FIJI GOVERNMENT NEEDS, BUT SOME ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED FOR POULTRY EXPORTS FROM U.S. THESE INCLUDE SOME TYPE OF INDICATION ON EACH CARTON, CAN OR BAG THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL PART OF SHIPMENT COVERED BY ATTACHED CERTIFICATE, FOR EXAMPLE THE USE OF UNIQUE RUBBER STAMP AND INK PAD WITH USDA SEAL, FOR USE IN STAMPING EACH ENTIRE SHIPMENT. FIJI GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ALSO DO NOT PERMIT BONES IN PROCESSED POULTRY SINCE BONE MARROW COULD CARRY DISEASE AND COULD NO BE COMPLETELY STERILIZED BY TEMPERATURE TREATMENT. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE (FIJI) WILL TAKE RANDOM SAMPLE OF TWO PER CENT OF EVERY SHIPMENT TO TEST FOR QUALITY AND CONTAMINATION. EACH U.S. POULTRY EXPORTER WILL REQUIRE PERMIT FROM FIJI AGRICULTURE DEPT AND REQUESTS CAN BE DIRECTED TO YARROW.

2. YARROW AGREES THAT IF U.S. POULTRY PRODUCTS PERMITTED TO ENTER NEW ZEALAND, FIJI WOULD NOT HAVE OBJECTION TO
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SAME PRODUCTS ENTERING THIS COUNTRY, PROVIDED THEY MEET THOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS CITED PARA 1. HIS IS STILL EXAMINING WORDING OF U.S. PROPOSED LANGUAGE BUT WE BELIEVE REAL TEST WILL COME ONLY WITH TRIAL SHIPMENT. THERE IS NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT FIJI AGRICULTURE NOW WILLING TO CONSIDER IMPORTS OF UNCANNED POULTRY PRODUCTS, INCLUDING THOSE SEALED

IN CRYOVAC BAGS.

3. EMBASSY AGREES TO PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN STOBEL
LETTER FOR NOTIFICATION OF OUTBREAKS OF EMERGENCY
DISEASES IN U.S. TO VETERINARY OFFICER IN TAHITI.
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